

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Piedmont Players Theatre, 213 South Main St., Salisbury. Tickets are \$6 for general admission. For information, call (704) 633-5471.

Mothers day breakfast, 7 p.m., Cochrane Middle School media center. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Atkinson, assistant regional superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Djoliba Don, an African drumming and dancing company, Children's Theatre of Charlotte. Also performs Feb. 21.

"The Souls of Black Folk," Afro-American Cultural Center, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Award-winning films about the trials of African Americans hosted by Artellia Burch, The Post's features editor. Admission is \$8. For information, call (704) 492-2519.

Singles In The City, Westin Charlotte, 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Event for 21-and-over set. Tickets are \$35 (general admission) and \$85 (open bar and buffet included) and can be purchased online at singlesinthecity.net.

Women's conference, East Stonewall AME Zion Church, 1729 Griers Grove Road. Includes workshops on physical health, single women and singles. Registration is \$20 for adults; \$10 for 12-19. Concludes Feb. 21.

February 21

Charlotte Section of National Council of Negro Women Brotherhood/Sisterhood Banquet, 7 p.m., United House of Prayer for All People, 2321 Beatties Ford Road. Donation is \$25 per person. Guest speaker is Dr. Manderline Scales, state convener, NCNWN/C. For information, call Mattie Caldwell at (704) 376-9955.

"The Road to Manhood" workshop, 9 a.m.-4:40 p.m., J.T. Williams Middle School, 2400 Carmine St. Registration is \$40 for one adult and one youth. For information, call (704) 535-3248 or log on to www.walkingthetalk.net.

George C. Wolfe's **"The Colored Museum,"** 2 p.m., Theatre Charlotte, 501 Queens Road. Powerful satire of living exhibits and stereotypes. For ticket information, call Pride Magazine at (704) 375-9553.

"The Word," a talent showcase at the Afro-American Cultural Center. Program starts at 7 p.m. and admission is \$7.

February 22

A Sign of The Times big band plays "A Song For My Fathers" at North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Spirit Square McGlohon Theatre. Performance begins at 4 p.m. Admission is \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

Carolina Culture Foundation presents "Lift Every Voice," exploration and readings of novelists Zora neale Hurston and James Weldon Johnson, 8 p.m., Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave. Entertainment provided by Betty Pride & The BP Ride and Nappy Brown. Admission is \$10.

Therapeutic Recreation Division of Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is chartering a bus for teens to Atlanta. The cultural enrichment trip is for teens 13-16 years old and includes site visits to Spelman College, Morehouse College and Martin Luther King Center. The cost is \$40. Bus will depart from K-Mart shopping center, 2701 Freedom Drive at 6 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. To register or for information, call Dianna Monroe at (704) 336-8830 or Marilyn Rainey at (704) 336-5953.

February 24

Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken at Charlotte Coliseum. Tickets are \$35 and \$45 and available at the Coliseum and Cricket Arena box offices; charge by phone at (704) 522-6500; Ticketmaster outlets and ticketmaster.com.

"From Charlotte to Hollywood: Robert DeNiro," 7:15 p.m., West Boulevard Branch Library, 2157 West Blvd. Charlotte advertising executive Joe Thompson will talk about casting then-unknown actor in 1967 Duke Power TV commercial while acting at Matthews Dinner Theater. Thompson will discuss DeNiro's time in Charlotte and show excerpts from his films. Free.

February 27

Rudy Currence and Dezeray's Hammer, Peabody Field, Winthrop University. Free admission. Currence performs at 8 p.m.; Dezeray's Hammer at 9:30

February 28

LTD Promotions and E.E. Waddell Community Center present Winterfest Comedy Jam, Stanly Senior Center, 283, North Third St., Albemarle. BET comedians Minister P; Reggie Byrdman and David Martin scheduled to perform. Show starts at 9 p.m.

"Beauty Shop: Under New Management," Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's Belk Theatre. Tickets are priced from \$20.50 to

\$32.50 and available at the Performing Arts Center box office, by calling (704) 372-1000 or logging on to www.blumenthalcenter.org. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster outlets or logging on to www.ticketmaster.com.

February 29

Telecast of Nation of Islam leader **Louis Farrakhan's** Saviour's Day address, First Ward Recreation Center, 1 p.m.

DancePlace will host **"The Pluck Project"** at North Carolina Dance Theatre Studio, 800 North College St, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

March 2

Chamber Music at St. Peter's will perform Mozart's Kegelstatt Trio in E-Flat Major K. 498, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Seventh and North Tryon streets, 12:10 p.m. For information, call (704) 335-0009 or

March 4

North Carolina Dance Theatre will present three masterworks by George Balanchine, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Stars & Stripes" and "Agon." Performances through March 6. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on March 4 and 8 p.m. March 5-6. Single tickets are \$10-\$55 and senior and group discounts are available. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or calling (704) 372-1000.

March 5

"Madeline" at Spirit Square through March 14. Reserved seating tickets \$15; general admission \$10. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Whitney M. Young Jr. award dinner, sponsored by Urban League of Central Car-

olinas. Tickets are \$125 for Urban League members; \$150 for non-members. For tickets or information, call Robin Brown at (704) 373-2256 or log on to www.urbanleaguecc.org

March 9

"The Full Monty," Belk Theatre. Shows through March 14. Showtimes are 8 p.m. March 9-11; 8:15 p.m. March 13 and 7:30 p.m. March 14. Tickets are \$23-\$67 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office or logging on to www.blumenthalcenter.org or calling (704) 372-1000.

March 20

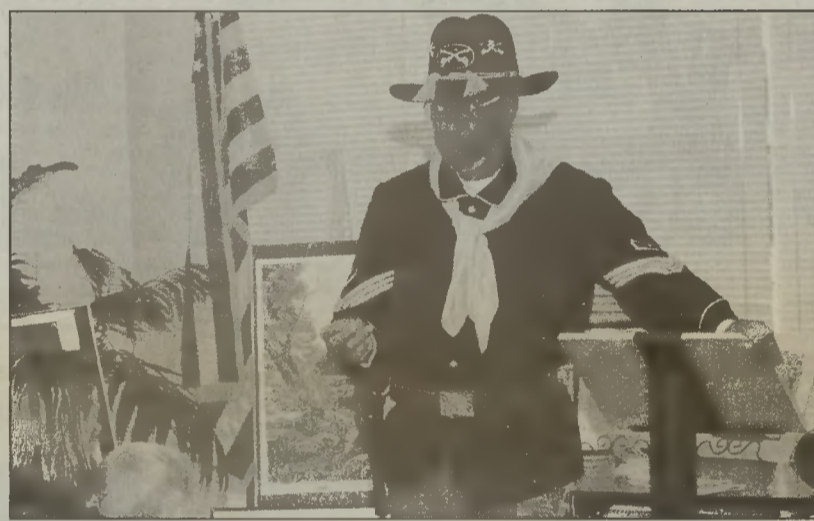
Charlotte Chapter of S.C. State University National Alumni Association will host Scholarship Gala 2004, 7 p.m. at Charlotte Hilton & Towers Hotel, Carolina Ballroom. Honorees include Winthrop University Associate Vice President Wilhelmina Rembert, Bank of America African American marketing executive Angela Crawford and Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care Executive Director Nathaniel Huggins. Funds from the gala will support scholarships for Charlotte-area students who attend SCSU.

March 27

Bassey, Dinkins ATC Cafe, Winthrop University. Nigerian poet recently appeared on Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry. Admission \$5 with Winthrop ID; \$7 general public.

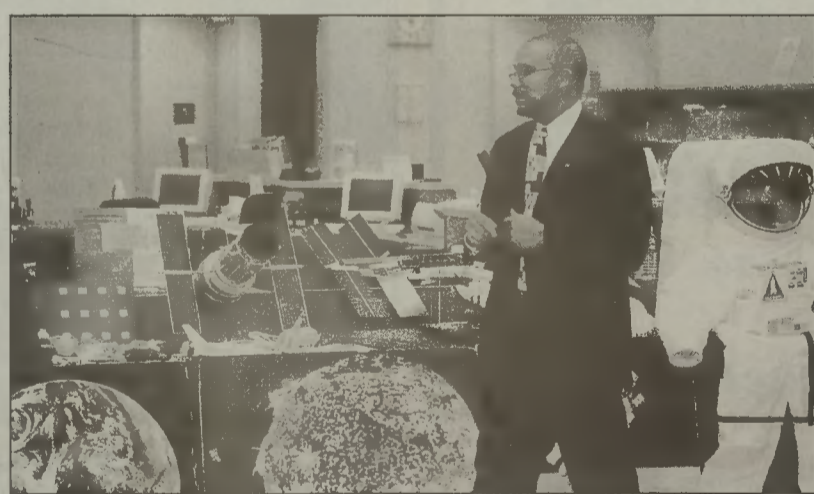
BowlForKids' Sake, 12-5 p.m., Northcross Lanes at the Lake, I-77 at exit 25, Huntersville. Sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte to raise funds and build awareness for mentoring relationships. To form a team or become a sponsor, call Delta Sanders at (704) 829-6624.

BUFFALO SOLDIER HISTORY



Buffalo Soldier historian Gregory Norwood shared his knowledge of the all-black Army units at the Beatties Ford Road Library as part of a Black History Month celebration. Norwood also talked about the Tuskegee Airmen, who served during World War II.

OUTTA SIGHT



NASA representative Warren Edwards showed off models of space vehicles to students during a program at Beatties Ford Road Library. NASA sponsors community-based programs to educate civilians on the everyday applications of space technology.



Music legend Johnny Holloway admires the cake he received in honor of his 79th birthday last week at the Excelsior Club. The party was thrown by Excelsior Club Humanitarian Organization.

NOTES

Central United Methodist Church will sponsor **"Adventures in Learning"** for seniors from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration is \$18; \$5 lunch or bring your own. Subjects include Tai-Chi, learning Spanish, do it yourself home repair. For information, call (704) 338-1511.

Actor's Theatre Charlotte presents **"Lobby Hero"** March 3-27, 650 East Stonewall St. Tickets are \$17-22 and can be bought online at www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org. For show times, call (704) 342-2251.

National Hampton Alumni Association Charlotte Chapter, is sponsoring bus trip to High School Day at Hampton University April 1-2. Event includes campus tours and sessions on academic programs, financial aid and admission requirements. Parents and counselors can also attend. Cost of round-trip transportation and overnight hotel stay is included. For information, call Terry Mutakabbir at (704) 598-7452 or Brenda Mickles Foote at (704) 549-1248.

Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County meet second Wednesday at 2821 South Blvd. Meetings with refreshments served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. Open to all registered Democrats.

BareBones Theatre Group's playwriting workshop, PLAYMAKERS, is seeking serious playwrights to participate in monthly writing workshops at the South End Performing Arts Center. Interested playwrights should have several completed scripts or several scripts in development to bring into the workshop. Contact BBTG PlayMakers at (704) 332-5300 for more details.

Afro-American Cultural Center CultureCamp, first Saturday of the month. Cultures that will be explored include Native American, Vietnamese, Hispanic and African traditions. CultureCamp will run in conjunction with AACCC's Heritage Saturday Tour program, which travels to cultural sites across the Southeast. General admission \$3, first 10 children free. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

Mill Community seminar series Feb. 19 and March 4 at 1 p.m. at Levine Museum of the New South. Writers, artists and photographers explore culture and history of Piedmont textile communities. Free with museum admission of \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and children.

Black Heritage Tour and Pilgrimage sponsored by Queen City Tours and Levine Museum of the New South. Saturdays in February at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Three-hour tours of historical sites around Charlotte. Tickets are \$30 for adults 13-54; \$28 for seniors and \$26 for children 5-12. For reservations, call (704) 566-0104 or log on to www.queencitytours.com.

High school computer competition and computer training program Feb. 21, 10 a.m., 11312 Gold Pan Road. Program provides environment for students to compete on an academic level.

Joe Walters, selected works from **"High Tide"** through March 26 at Joie Lassiter Gallery, 525 North Tryon St., ground floor gallery.

Arts & Science Council Public Art Program invites members of the community to meet artists selected to meet artists selected to create art for the uptown arena, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m., Levine Museum of the new South. For information, call (704) 372-9667.

EXHIBITS

"Spirit of Freedom," and **"Cultural Collection: the Art of Collecting,"** Afro-American Cultural Center from 6-9 p.m. Roundtable Fellows exhibition runs through Feb. 29 and represents African American, Native American and Latin American cultures and artists.

"Through the Lens: Women's Perspective" at Mint Museum of Art, 2739 Randolph Road. Coffee at 10 a.m. followed by lecture at 10:30 a.m. Three women photographers - JoAnn Sieburg-Baker, Diane Davis and Carolyn DeMeritt - will discuss their work, challenges and aspirations. For information, call Priscilla Dabney at (704) 366-9808.

"Seeking the Center: Paintings, Prints and Constructions of Zanne Hochberg," Feb. 9-March 26, Patrick and Rutledge Galleries, Winthrop University. Opening reception Feb. 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Curator Andrew Svedlow lecture Feb. 15 at 3 p.m., Rutledge 119.